



Press Release

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On: TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY
 TOTALS 15.1 MILLION HEAD

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 15.1 million head on July 1, 2004, down 3 percent from July 1, 2003.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 2 percent from last year's total of 5.88 million head. Milk cow inventory, at 320,000 head, was unchanged from the 2003 total.

Total inventory of all cows that had calved was 6.1 million head, down 2 percent from last year's total of 6.2 million head.

The preliminary estimate for the 2004 calf crop was 5.2 million head, up 2 percent from the 2003 calf crop.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 103.6 million head on July 1, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003, and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.5 million head, slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003, and 1 percent below the 42.9 million on July 1, 2002.

Beef cows totaled 33.5 million head, down slightly from a year ago, while milk cows were down 1 percent, at 9.0 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 4.8 million head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifers totaled 3.6 million, unchanged from last year.

The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

TEXAS: CATTLE & CALF INVENTORY AND CALF CROP

Item	July 1		2004 as percent of 2003
	2003	2004	
INVENTORY:	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
All cattle and calves	15,500	15,100	97
All cows that have calved	6,200	6,100	98
Beef cows	5,880	5,780	98
Milk cows	320	320	100
Calf crop	5,100	¹ / 5,200	102

¹ Preliminary.